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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Honorable Rita B.
4 Garman on the occasion of being selected as the 119th Chief
5 Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court; and

6 WHEREAS, Rita Garman is a native of the State of Illinois;
7 she was born in November of 1943 in Aurora and educated in
8 Aurora public schools; she was the class valedictorian at
9 Oswego High School in 1961 and graduated with highest honors
10 from the University of Illinois in 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, Choosing to pursue a legal career, Rita Garman
12 entered the University of Iowa College of Law, where she
13 graduated with honors in 1968; she practiced law in both the
14 public sector and the private sector in Danville; and

15 WHEREAS, As a jurist, Rita Garman has served in almost
16 literally every level of the Illinois bench; she served as an
17 Associate Circuit Judge from 1974 to 1986, a Circuit Judge in
18 the Fifth Judicial Circuit from 1986 to 1995, which included
19 service as the Presiding Circuit Judge from 1987 to 1995, and
20 an Appellate Judge from 1995 to 2001; she was selected to serve
21 as a Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court on February 1, 2001;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, When Rita Garman graduated from law school in
2 1968, only 3% of lawyers in the United States were women;
3 today, more than 40% of each annual class of law graduates in
4 the United States are women, due in part to the work done by
5 pioneers in law and jurisprudence such as the Honorable Rita
6 Garman; and

7 WHEREAS, Rita Garman has become the most recent of the many
8 graduates of, and teachers at, Oswego High School to achieve
9 the highest honors in the public service of the State of
10 Illinois and the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 12, 2013, Rita Garman was selected by
12 her colleagues to serve as the 119th Chief Justice of the
13 Illinois Supreme Court, succeeding the Honorable Thomas
14 Kilbride; she will begin her new duties on October 26, 2013;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate the Honorable Rita B. Garman upon the honorable
19 progress of her juridical career and the example which she has
20 set for Illinois lawyers at every level of the profession; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Honorable Rita Garman as a token of the
3 respect she has earned from the Illinois House of
4 Representatives for the juridical work to which she has
5 dedicated her life.